

ON-LINE SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An on-line system enrolls students and prospective students into an electronic community. Members can contact other members on-line, so that prospective students, for example, can obtain information about particular colleges or universities from other students. Students can obtain information about specific courses from others who have taken the courses. The system includes a repository of papers and assignments, donated by students, which can be used as a reference tool by other students. The system also provides social assistance, enabling students to find other students sharing similar interests and backgrounds. The system also facilitates the buying and selling of used merchandise by students, and provides a method by which each student can conveniently maintain a scrapbook pertaining to his or her college experience. The system also provides a personalized set of discount coupons, tailored to the needs of a particular student.